

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on February 24, 2015 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson (Arrived 7:35)
John Maycock, Clerk
Chris Lyons
Damian Cregeau, Alternate (Arrived 7:35)
John Aforismo, Alternate

Members Absent: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Mark Raymond

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Maycock called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on February 12, 2015.

APPLICATION NO. 4349-15. Wethersfield Cove Yacht Club seeks to expand the dock to include fifteen (15) new dock slips at 270 Hartford Avenue.

Jack Gilmartin, 9 Meggat Park, appeared before the Commission. Drawings were submitted. Right now, they have 19 existing docks and 1 transient slip. They would like to expand out into the Cove but stay within their property. The main section on the end of the dock will slide out and a new section with finger piers and two docks on the end will be added. The new docks will match the existing unless they are required to change the design. They currently use Styrofoam floats, and that may no longer be permissible. If they have to change, they would change to tubs. The docks are wood framed with the Styrofoam underneath. The sides will be fir. The tops are aluminum plates. They will be the same size and elevation. They will be painting the docks a grey color. There will be no pilings. They haul the docks in and out every spring and fall. In total there will be 33 docks and 2 transient slips.

Commissioner Ovian asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4350-15. Melinda and James Robidoux seek to 1) replace the existing siding with Cedar Impressions vinyl siding; 2) replace the existing lighting fixtures; 3) demolish the existing attached garage; 4) construct a portico over the rear door; 5) construct a 22'x22' two (2) bay detached garage; and 6) install 4' wood picket and 6' wood stockade fencing at 263 Hartford Avenue.

Melinda and James Robidoux, 21 Trotter Lane, Newington and Robert Izzo, Contractor, 567 West Johnson Avenue, Cheshire, appeared before the Commission. A plot plan was submitted. They would like to demolish the existing garage and build a detached two car garage in the back quarter of the lot. They would like to build a small portico over the back door. The garage and portico would keep with the existing architectural style. A drawing of the garage and portico were submitted. There are existing wood steps now, but she would like to replace them with salvaged brick. The railings would be black wrought iron. The portico siding would match siding on the house and the trim would be wood. The supports and ceiling will be wood. The soffits will be fiberboard or another equivalent

material. The trim on the house will be light gray. They are willing to paint the trim with a custom color if necessary. They would like to remove the aluminum siding on the house and they will see what the condition of the original wood siding is in. If they need to replace the siding, they will use Certaiteed Cedar Impressions double 7" straight edge siding in the color Heritage Cream. The trim will be a Certaiteed trim in a custom color in pale grey. Sheets on the light fixtures were submitted. They are true restored antique fixtures in Imperial Bronze color. The portico would have a hanging version of the light fixture. If they choose to install a wood light post between the house and garage, they would use the same style light fixture. The garage is a new construction building. If the siding on the house is usable, they will use wood on the garage to match. The garage will match whatever siding is used on the house. There are two attic windows and one double-hung window and a single door. The two garage doors are steel carriage house style doors with an 8 or 10 light window. The entry door will be wood. It will be consistent with the existing garage entrance door which has six or nine panes. They will use the same light fixtures as submitted – one by the side entrance door and one in between the two garage doors. If it is salvageable, they will re-use the existing wood door. They would like to salvage the existing four light window and they might not have the other two windows. The side that faces the house will have the door and window. The side facing Avalon will have nothing but siding. There will be a stockade fence which transitions to a picket fence on that side. There is currently a hedge there that will be removed. The fence was drawn in on the plot plan and submitted. There will be an archway gate. The existing driveway will be taken out. They would like to take down the existing hedge and install a wood picket fence. At the point where the garage starts, there would be privacy fence. The fence is a classic picket fence. The fence will have the estate post and cap. The arch will be Belmont style. The gate will match the fence and will be built within the arbor. There will be two arbors with the gate entrance. At the midway point in back yard, it would become a 6' privacy fence. There will be a gooseneck transition piece. There will be picket detail on top of the solid board. The topper will be "classic picket topper". They will use classic hardware. They will have a gate across the driveway using the same classic hardware. She would like to repair, repaint and replace the existing shutters.

Commissioner Ovia asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4351-15. Kapura General Contractors seeks to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4308-14 to retain the constructed roof design change from a gable to a shed on the addition at 24 State Street.

Joe Gibertoni, Kapura General Contractors, 339 Cook Street, appeared before the Commission. The roof has already been installed. They changed the design from a gable roof to a shed roof on the rear of the addition. When they started framing, the ridge of the gable was higher than the original ridge and the homeowner asked them to change the design. The roof was installed right away because there was bad weather predicted and they wanted to get the roof back on so no further damage occurred. The shingles are an Isoplex material, which is an asphalt rolled roofing product. The rafters are exposed.

Commissioner Ovia asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Lyons, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Aforismo, Cregeau

APPLICATION NO. 4349-15. Wethersfield Cove Yacht Club seeks to expand the dock to include fifteen (15) new dock slips at 270 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that it's an asset to the town that this organization is available to boat owners who wish to be a part of a club that's separate from the public launch area. It's part of the history of the Cove now.

Commissioner Maycock stated that it's a straightforward dock in addition to what they've got there.

Aye: Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Aforismo, Cregeau

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Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to TABLE the application.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that they will do a good job on the property based on the presentation made today. He is having difficulty envisioning the colors on the house.

Commissioner Maycock stated that he likes the applicant's intent. There are a lot of things that are not clear. She needs to make a decision about the type of siding to be used. They need more pictures of the garage doors and gates and hardware.

Commissioner Lyons stated that the color is close to existing body color. There was more than enough to vote on portions of the application. He would rather see the fence go across the driveway.

Commissioner Aforismo stated that he agrees with Commissioner Maycock.

Aye: Ovian, Maycock, Lyons, Aforismo, Cregeau

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Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Oviaan stated that the gable concerned him from the beginning.

Commissioner Maycock stated that he thinks it's a much better design. It's more in keeping with the style of the house. The gable doesn't look right on that.

Aye: Oviaan, Maycock, Lyons, Aforismo, Cregeau

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2015

Upon motion by Commissioner Oviaan, seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to TABLE the minutes of the February 20, 2015 meeting.

Aye: Oviaan, Maycock, Lyons, Aforismo, Cregeau

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Aforismo, seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Aye: Oviaan, Maycock, Lyons, Aforismo, Cregeau

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
- Clerk -